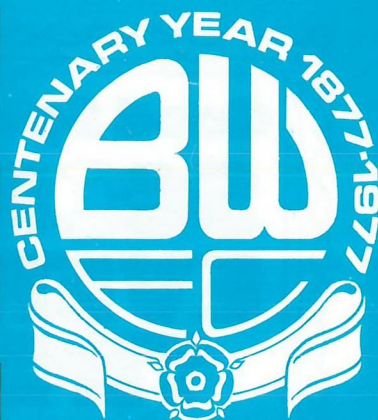


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They have now climbed to a respectable place in the Second Division after the disappointment of being relegated from Division One.

On Monday we at last played our FA Cup fourth round tie against Mansfield Town after three postponements.

There could be no complaint about the conditions on the night with the pitch holding up well after the rain, snow and frost it had suffered over the previous week or so.

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A lot of money has been spent on the drainage and general improvement of the playing surface and a great deal of work has been put in.

The improvement, even from last season, has been vast and the real problem was that conditions and the weather were quite abnormal — hence the postponements.

An enforced spell of idleness does the players no good and it was with some relief that the game went ahead this week. We have, of course, played very much better, but the 1-0 win takes us through to the fifth round of the FA Cup at Middlesbrough next Saturday.

We have never made any secret that our major aim is promotion, but I still believe that a good Cup run won't do us any harm.

But we won't be thinking about that until after today's game against Sunderland.

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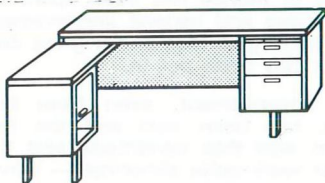
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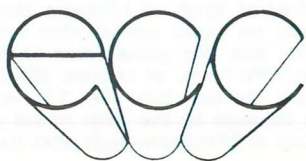
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BARRY SIDDALL — An England Youth International who joined Bolton Wanderers straight from school and moved to Sunderland for a large fee in September, 1976. Barry proved to be a keeper of outstanding class last season, for after making his debut against Aston Villa in October, he played the remaining 34 games. Barry is over six feet tall and weighs 14½ stone. Born Bromborough, Wirral.

MICK HENDERSON — Local born defender, Mick is the youngest of three footballing brothers from Gosforth, who joined Sunderland straight from school. He progressed through the youth and reserve teams, making 11 first team appearances last season.

BOBBY KERR — Although lacking in stature, Bobby lacks nothing in skill, determination and courage. A fine example of the professional footballer. Made 32 first team appearances last season, usually operating down the right touchline. Born Alexandria, Dumbartonshire.

JEFF CLARKE — Joined Sunderland from Manchester City in June, 1975. Very popular with the Roker fans. Jeff from Hemsworth in Yorkshire, sustained a first minute injury against Middlesbrough last season which kept him on the side-lines for the rest of the season, prior to which he made 27 first team appearances. A strong hard tackling defender.

MICK DOCHERTY — Another very experienced player, Mick made well over 100 League appearances for Burnley in Division One, and was a member of their Youth Cup winning team in 1968. Joined Manchester City in April, 1976 and then on to Roker Park on December 31st of the same year, making his first team debut against Coventry City on January 3rd, 1977.

WILF ROSTRON — Signed from Arsenal during the close season, Wilf is a winger with great potential, from whom a lot is expected this season. Born in Sunderland in September, 1956, he played for Sunderland School-bys before signing apprentice forms for Arsenal in July, 1973.

SHAUN ELLIOTT — Plays midfield or 'at the back' equally well, but made tremendous progress under manager Jimmy Adamson and his staff last season. A very strong player, Shaun has obviously the class to become an international player, having already impressed the authorities who selected him for the close season England Under 21's tour.

MEL HOLDEN — Tall striker who found his goal scoring touch in the latter part of last season. Mel, 6ft 2in and 13 stone, is a handful for defenders, particularly in partnership with big Bob Lee. Born in Dundee, August, 1954. Previous club, Preston North End.

GARY ROWELL — Gary certainly turned it on last season. He joined Sunderland straight from school in 1972, and progressed to make his first team debut against Oldham in 1976. At the end of last season, after making 33 appearances, he was selected for the England Under 21 Tour. Born Sunderland.

KEVIN ARNOTT — Born in Gateshead. Signed professional in Dec., 1976, making his league debut against Leicester City one month later. A skilful player, Kevin was selected for the England Under 18's team last season after only 20 First Division appearances.

JACKIE ASHURST — A strong tackling speedy player who is equally at home in defence or midfield. Jack was born in Renton, Dumbartonshire, and signed professional forms on his 17th birthday. His first team debut was against Millwall in 1972. Made 31 first team appearances last season.

JOE BOLTON — A product of the youth team, Joe is a rugged strong-tackling defender who was voted 'Player of the Year' by the Roker fans last season. Born in Birtley, he made 42 first team appearances last season.

ROY GREENWOOD — Signed from Hull City for a big fee. Roy is a fast raiding left winger with plenty of skill and pace. Made 17 first team appearances last season. Born in Leeds.

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Today's Visitors

Sunderland have quite a lot of ground to catch up if they are to achieve their aim of returning to the First Division at the first attempt. But they still have an outside chance of claiming one of the top three places so we can expect determined opposition this afternoon.

Their sad start to the season surprised everyone in football. For after last season's magnificent, but vain, late fight against relegation, they had been expected to jump straight back into the First Division.

Yet their only win in their opening 12 League and Cup game was a 3-0 success over lowly Burnley at Roker Park. The situation has improved considerably since then.

When Jimmy Adamson took over as manager mid-way through last season, Sunderland already looked doomed to relegation. Then a run of four successive victories, in which they scored 17 goals, provided inspiration for a tremendous bid to avoid the drop.

They closed with an unbeaten run of nine matches which nearly, but not quite, saved them. In the end a 0-2 defeat in their last match doomed them to a quick return to Division Two after only one season back at the top.

Sunderland's survival bid was sparked by a horde of keen youngsters. Lads like Gary Rowell, who scored five goals, Shaun Elliott and Kevin Arnott were drafted into the side and soon established themselves.

Others, like Timothy Gilbert, Alan Brown and Mike Henderson all contributed to that fine run.

During the summer Mr. Adamson reflected upon that experience. "I know that everyone is now expecting us to get straight back into the First Division," he said.

"And I know in my mind that we must do it. Our fans expect it. They are the best in the country and we owe it to them to get back into Division One and provide top class entertainment.

Mr Adamson kept faith in the players who so nearly saved them during the early weeks of the season. Though

midfield man Tony Towers, anxious to remain in the First Division, moved on to Birmingham during the summer, the only new signings are midfield man Wilf Rostron, signed from Arsenal for £40,000, and forward Wayne Entwistle, who joined them from Bury for £30,000 this season.

Former Bolton goalkeeper Barry Suddall had been playing behind a back four of Mike Henderson, Shaun Elliott, Jack Ashurst and Joe Bolton.

Elliott is still not quite sure whether his best position is in defence or midfield and he still appears in the middle of the field from time to time. Jeff Clarke has then resumed in the middle of the defence.

Henderson got another chance earlier this season when Mike Docherty was injured and when Docherty recently returned, he played in the middle of the defence.

Kevin Arnott, Wilf Rostron and Bobby Kerr have been getting the vote in midfield while Bob Lee, Gary Rowell, Wayne Entwistle, Roy Greenwood and Mel Holden have all been fighting for the forward positions.

Bobby Kerr incidentally, is now the sole survivor of Sunderland's F.A. Cup winning side of 1973.

Though they have not been getting the results expected, Sunderland fans have had one consolation this season. A few weeks ago they were presented with the Super-Fans trophy after being voted by supporters of the 44 First and Second Division clubs as the most sporting and best-behaved in the country last season.

Sunderland, of course, have spent most of their life in the First Division. The whole set-up at Roker is geared for top-class football and that's why last year's relegation came as such a disappointment.

After beating Leeds in the 1973 F.A. Cup final, Sunderland set their sights firmly upon the First Division. Under the managership of Bob Stokoe, they made it in 1976.

But, after a disastrous start last season, Mr. Stokoe resigned and Jimmy Adamson, the former Burnley manager, was invited to take over.

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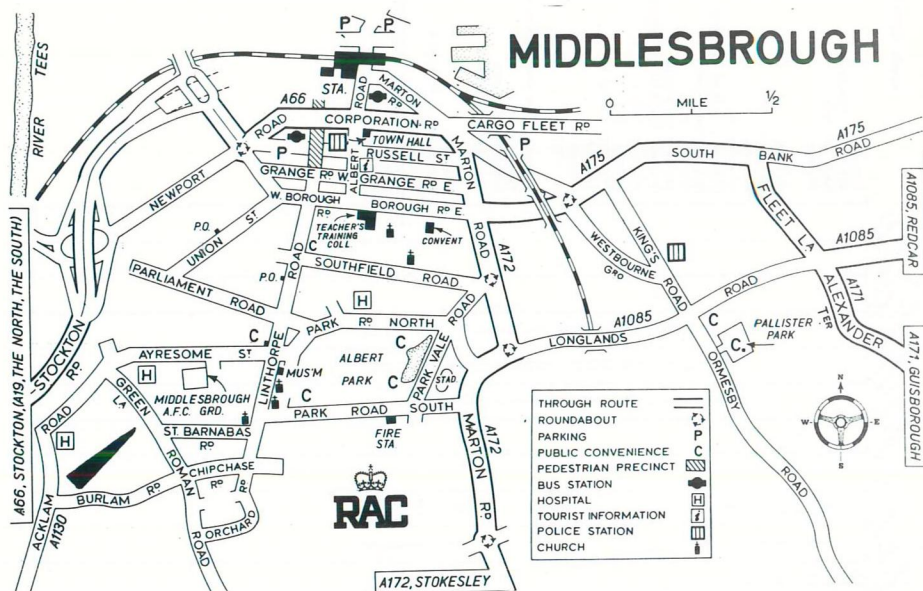
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"	10—Blackburn R.	0	1	16
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